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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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INFO AMCONUL LUANDA

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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

1. FOLLOWING ITEMS APPEARED IN ZAIRIAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 1-2

2. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) REPORT DATED KINSHASA  
SEPTEMBER 1 SAID FNLA TROOPS MADE 10 K. ADVANCE AUGUST 30 AND, BY NOON

THAT DAY HAD REACHED TOWN OF PANGULA NEAR QUIFAN-GONGO, SOME 15 KMS.  
FROM LUANDA.

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FNLA TROOPS, NOW WITHIN SIGHT OF PETRANGOL REFINERY ON OUTSKIRTS OF

CAPTIAL, ARE MEETING STIFFERNING RESISTANCE. OPPOSING FORCES ARE USING LIGHT ARMOER, HEAVY MORTARS, AND 122 MM ROCKETS. ON EVENING OF AUGUST 30 FNLA TROOPS WERE TRYING TO SEIZE BRIDGE TO PREVENT ITS DESTRUCTION BY MPLA FORCES.

3. SAME REPORT CITED PORTUGUESE MILITARY COMMUNIQUE AUGUST 31 TO EFFECT FNLA TROOPS HAD REACHED DISTRICT OF ICOLO E BENGU NORTHWEST OF LUANDA, AND THAT FNLA-MPLA CLASHES HAD TAKEN PLACE WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS HALFWAY BETWEEN CAXITO AND LUANDA. IN SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE, ALSO AUGUST 31, PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSION REJECTED "LYING AND INSULTING" LANGUAGE USED BY MPLA AUGUST 29 WHEN IT REJECTED SUSPENSION OF ALVOR ACCORD.

4. AZAP REPORT DEATELINED PEKING SEPT 2 CITED NEW CHINA NWEAGENCY ITEM OF AUGUST 31 WHICH LAID FULL RESPONSIBILITY ON USSR FOR CLASHES BETWEEN ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. CLAIMED SOVIETS SEEK TO UNDERMINE ANGOLAN UNIT, FORMER CIVIL WAR. SAID MOSCOW COVETS ANGOLA'S NATURAL RESOURCES, REALIZES COUNTRY'S "GREAT STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE". ACCUSED SOVIETS OF DELIVERING LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING ARMORED VEHICLES AND MISSILES - WEAPONS NEVER FURNISHED DURING YEARS OF STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE. CLAIMED, FINALLY, THAT SOVIET PERSONNEL ARE BEING SENT TO ANGOLA TO DIRECT MILITARY OPERATIONS.

5. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES MPLA PURPORTEDLY RECEIVING SOVIET TANKS AND ARTILLERY WHICH BEING OFF LOADED AT POINTE NOIRE AND BEING SHIPPED BY BARGE SOUTH (PRESUMABLY FOR LUANDA).

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